

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-2249)

DATE: October 3, 1969

FROM :

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SUBJECT: JAMES G. LAMBESIS, Aka.
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This memo contains identical criminal references.

I. BACKGROUND

92-2249-44 p.3

On 12-5-68 [REDACTED] Illinois Liquor Control Commission, furnished SA [REDACTED] copies of 1968 State Liquor License applications for the Silver Spur Lounge and the Cypress Lounge, both reportedly owned by TONY BATTAGLIA and operated by front men.

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The application for the Silver Spur Lounge, 2109 South Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, lists JAMES G. LAMBESIS as the applicant for the license. The application further reflects that JAMES G. LAMBESIS was residing at 4830 West Cermak, Cicero, Illinois and his place of birth was Greece. He was 52 years of age at time of the application, and a naturalized citizen. The [REDACTED] was listed as [REDACTED]

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The application for the Cypress Lounge, 2015 South Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, lists JAMES G. LAMBESIS as the applicant for the license and contains the same background information set out above. The application reflects that [REDACTED]
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The 1969 Illinois Bell Telephone Directory -- Chicago Suburban West -- contains the following listing:

1 - SA [REDACTED]
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FBI-CHICAGO
[REDACTED]

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JAMES G. LAMBESIS
5017 23rd Place
Cicero, Illinois
Phone #: 656-0474

II. GENERAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

162-14-147 Sub B

"State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission Order" in the matter of the Citation of [REDACTED] JAMES G. LAMBESIS, d/b/a Cypress reflects the following.

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The Commission having carefully considered the matters set forth in the Citation and having re-considered the evidence and testimony presented at the hearing held at Chicago, Illinois, on 3-5-62, and having carefully considered said Application for Rehearing and the allegations therein contained, and being fully advised in the premises, finds:

That the order of this Commission entered on the 14th day of March, A.D., 1962, suspending the State Retail Liquor License, Number R-22103, for a period of five days, commencing at midnight on the 22nd day of April, 1962 and terminating at midnight on the 27th day of April, 1962, was properly entered and the same is hereby sustained.

It is therefore ordered that the application for rehearing filed by [REDACTED] JAMES G. LAMBESIS, d/b/a Cypress, 2015 South Cicero, Cicero, Illinois, License Number R-22103, be and the same is hereby denied.

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Entered by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission at Chicago, Illinois, the 11th day of April, 1962.

162-14-69 p. 1 Sub A

The "Chicago Daily News", Red Streak edition, dated 1-15-62, page 38, column 3, contained an article captioned "93 In County Buy Gambling Stamps" -- "New

Purchases Bring Cook Total to 189 Since July 1".

This article states that HAROLD R. ALL, Director of Internal Revenue Service, Chicago, reported that 93 Cook County residents have purchased \$250 federal gaming and slot machines stamps since October 31st.

ALL said that none of the stamps was bought for Chicago locations.

The purchasers and their locations were set out.

The list included the following:

ROBERT PRUITT and JAMES LAMBESIS, Cypress Lounge, 2015 South Cicero, Cicero, Illinois

92-345-707 p.14

Chicago report dated 2-8-63 by SA [redacted] [redacted] entitled [redacted] Aka." sets forth the following information.

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On 2-4-63 CG T-5 (information received from the [redacted] by Investigative Clerk [redacted])

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On 12-20-62 the "Chicago Sun Times" reported the Internal Revenue Service Agents seized scores of coin operated pinball machines in the Chicago area and across the nation because their operators lacked \$250.00 Federal Gaming Stamps.

On 1-29-63 CG T-1 [redacted]

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advised that no arrests were anticipated in the confiscation of the pinball machines in the Chicago area which took place on 12-19-62. He advised that of the machines confiscated in Cicero, Illinois, none of the owners of the locations were able to identify the owner or the person who placed the machine in their respective tavern or restaurant. He advised some of the people in Cicero related that the machine was placed in the location by an individual named FRANK, who left a telephone number to be reached at as TO 3-3177.

162-14-119 p.1 Sub A

The "Chicago Daily News", Red Dart Edition, dated 5-28-63, page 23, column 3, contained an article captioned "State Lifts Permits of 19 Taverns."

This article stated that the Illinois Liquor Control Commission announced Tuesday suspensions of state retail liquor licenses of 19 taverns, three for thirty days each, for purchase of Federal gambling or gaming device stamps.

Under the orders all must shut down for the suspension periods at midnight, July 7.

A 10-day suspension was given to ROBERT PRUITT and JAMES G. LAMBESIS doing business as Cypress Lounge, 2015 South Cicero, Cicero, Illinois.

92-677-835 p.2

On 5-31-68 PCI [redacted] (protect) furnished the following information to SA [redacted]
[redacted]

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The Pizaaonli at 1904 South Cicero Avenue is owned by JAMES LAMBESIS who owns the Cypress Lounge, Cicero, Illinois.

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On 6-27-68 [redacted] Frank and

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Patti's Club, 2332 South Laramie, Cicero, advised when questioned by SA [redacted] that he did not know who owned the shuffleboard machine in the tavern but that the [redacted] (last name unknown) [redacted]

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[redacted] [redacted] reluctantly advised that if there is anything wrong with the machine [redacted] [redacted]

On 6-28-68, the [redacted]

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PCI [redacted] (protect) was contacted by SA [redacted] on 7-5-68 and 7-11-68.

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Source advised that TONY BATTAGLIA has all the pinball and shuffleboard games in Cicero. The headquarters for this operation is the Cypress Lounge operated by JAMES LAMBESIS who is merely a front man for BATTAGLIA. Source was of the opinion BATTAGLIA also owned the Silver Spur and Pizzanoli in Cicero.

Source met with BATTAGLIA [redacted] at the Cypress Lounge [redacted] and from the conversation they talked like he owned the place.

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[redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] on 9-13-68.

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Source advised [redacted] [redacted] a tavern in Cicero, which is backed by TONY BATTAGLIA's partner JAMES LAMBESIS.

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[redacted] source advised. Source stated he did not feel [redacted] was a member of the outfit.

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162-701-182 p.3

On 11-14-68 [redacted] furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

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Source advised that [redacted]

[redacted] Jay's Lounge at 14th and Central, Cicero, Illinois. This tavern is operated by JAMES LAMBESIS [redacted]

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162-701-201 p.4,6

SA [redacted] memo dated 3-12-69 entitled "Crime Conditions -- Cicero, Illinois" sets forth a current list of Cicero, Illinois taverns and tavern owners.

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The list included the following information:

Page 4 Name of Licensee: JAMES G. LAMBESIS
 Trade name: Cypress Lounge
 Address: 2015 South Cicero Avenue
 Issued: 7-1-68
 Date Expired: 12-31-68

Page 6 Name of Licensee: JAMES G. LAMBESIS
 Trade Name: Silver Spur, Inc.
 Address: 2109 South Cicero Avenue
 Issued: 7-1-68
 Date Expired: 12-31-68

162-701-209 p.1

On 4-2-69 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that JAMES LAMBESIS [redacted] asked [redacted]

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Source advised the lounge is actually still owned

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by LAMBESIS [redacted] however, [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] has to contact JOE AIUPPA to get approval on this however, and has tried to see him a number of times but he has been too busy.

Source advised on 4-2-69, AIUPPA was at the hotel, but could not see [redacted] because he was too busy.

On 4-4-69, source advised [redacted] had still not seen AIUPPA to get clearance for a Cicero liquor license.

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